

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1 under the heading “DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS” with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The articulating endoscopic surgical instrument of the subject invention is illustrated in Fig. 1 and is designated generally by reference numeral 10. Surgical instrument 10 comprises a handle portion 12 including a fixed handle 14 and a pivoting handle 16. An endoscopic portion 18 extends orthogonally from handle portion 12 and includes an elongated non-articulating or fixed tubular section 20 and an articulating section 22. The articulating section 22 is pivotal connected to the fixed section 20 by a pin 24 disposed adjacent the distal end 26 of section 22. A tool head 28 having cooperating jaws 30, 32 depends from the articulating section 22 and may be formed in a wide variety of configurations including graspers dissectors, or clamps.--